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SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN SITREP AS OF 1300 MARCH 12

AS RESULT OF TRIP AROUND TOWN INCLUDING STOPS AT A NUMBER
OF EMBASSIES THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OBTAINED:

1. CERTAIN NUMBER OF ATTACKS CONTINUING AGAINST VIETNAMESE
ESTABLISHMENTS INCLUDING CAO DAI CHURCH, BIGGEST VIETNAMESE
BOOKSTORE AND NUMBER OF GENERAL STORES. THERE APPEARS TO BE
SOME INDICATION THAT THIS IS BECOMING GENERALLY ANTI-VIETNAMESE
RATHER THAN ANTI-VIET CONG AT THIS STAGE.

① 2. IT IS CONFIRMED THAT THERE ARE FOUR NORTH VIETNAMESE
PERSONNEL HOSPITALIZED AS RESULT YESTERDAY'S INCIDENTS, NONE
VERY SERIOUSLY.

3. CONTRARY TO FIRST REPORTS, NVN AND VC EMBASSY PERSONNEL
SCATTERED AT VARIOUS SOCIALIST EMBASSIES, INCLUDING THE

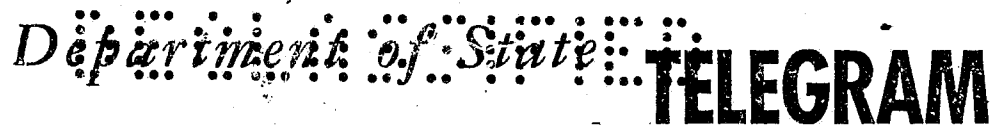
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4. NOTEWORTHY THAT EMBASSY CARS FROM NORTH KOREAN, POLISH AND CERTAIN OTHER EMBASSIES TRAVELING THROUGH CITY IN CONVOY ESCORTED BY CAMBODIAN POLICE. DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS THEIR REQUEST OR PRECAUTION ON PART RKG AGAINST SPREAD OF VIOLENCE TO OTHER COMMIE CHANCERIES.

6. RADIO HAS READ TWO TELEGRAMS FROM SIHANOUK TO QUEEN MOTHER. FIRST REPORTED HAPPY MEETING WITH POMPIDOU WHEN LATTER CONGRATULATED HIM ON CAMBODIA'S COURSE UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP. SECOND MESSAGE CONCERNED YESTERDAY'S INCIDENTS WHICH HE CONDEMNED, WHILE UNDERSTANDING THE MOTIVES AND WARNED "MOVEMENT ORGANIZED BY PERSONALITIES AIMED AT DESTRUCTION BEYOND REPAIR OF CAMBODIAN FRIENDSHIP WITH THE SOCIALIST CAMP, AND AT THROWING OUR COUNTRY INTO THE HANDS OF A CAPITALISTIC, IMPERIALIST POWER". THE MESSAGE STATED WOULD SPEAK TO CAMBODIAN NATION AND ARMY UPON RETURN AND WOULD ASK CHOICE BETWEEN HIMSELF AND PERSONALITIES ACCUSED ORGANIZING ATTACKS. HE DID NOT NAME PERSONALITIES NOR HAS THERE BEEN ANY ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING HIS IMMINENT RETURN.

8. THERE IS A CLAIM WHICH NOT CONFIRMED THAT SITUATION RESULT OF SHOWDOWN LAST SATURDAY BETWEEN GENERAL LON NOL AND VIET CONG IN RATTANAKIRI PROVINCE WHEN GENERAL ALLEGEDLY INSISTED THAT VIET CONG MUST CEASE FLYING IN AIRCRAFT (COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST SUCH CLAIM WE HAVE EVER HEARD OF THIS SORT.) AND WAS REFUSED.

10. ADDENDUM: LOCAL RADIO HAS ANNOUNCED THAT SIHANOUK EXPECTED TONIGHT OR TOMORROW (COMMENT: HOW WE DO NOT KNOW UNLESS BY CHARTERED AIRCRAFT.)

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11. ALSO INFORMED BY LOCAL EMPLOYEE THAT DEMONSTRATORS GOING
AFTER LOCAL VIET CONG LEADER TONIGHT.
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